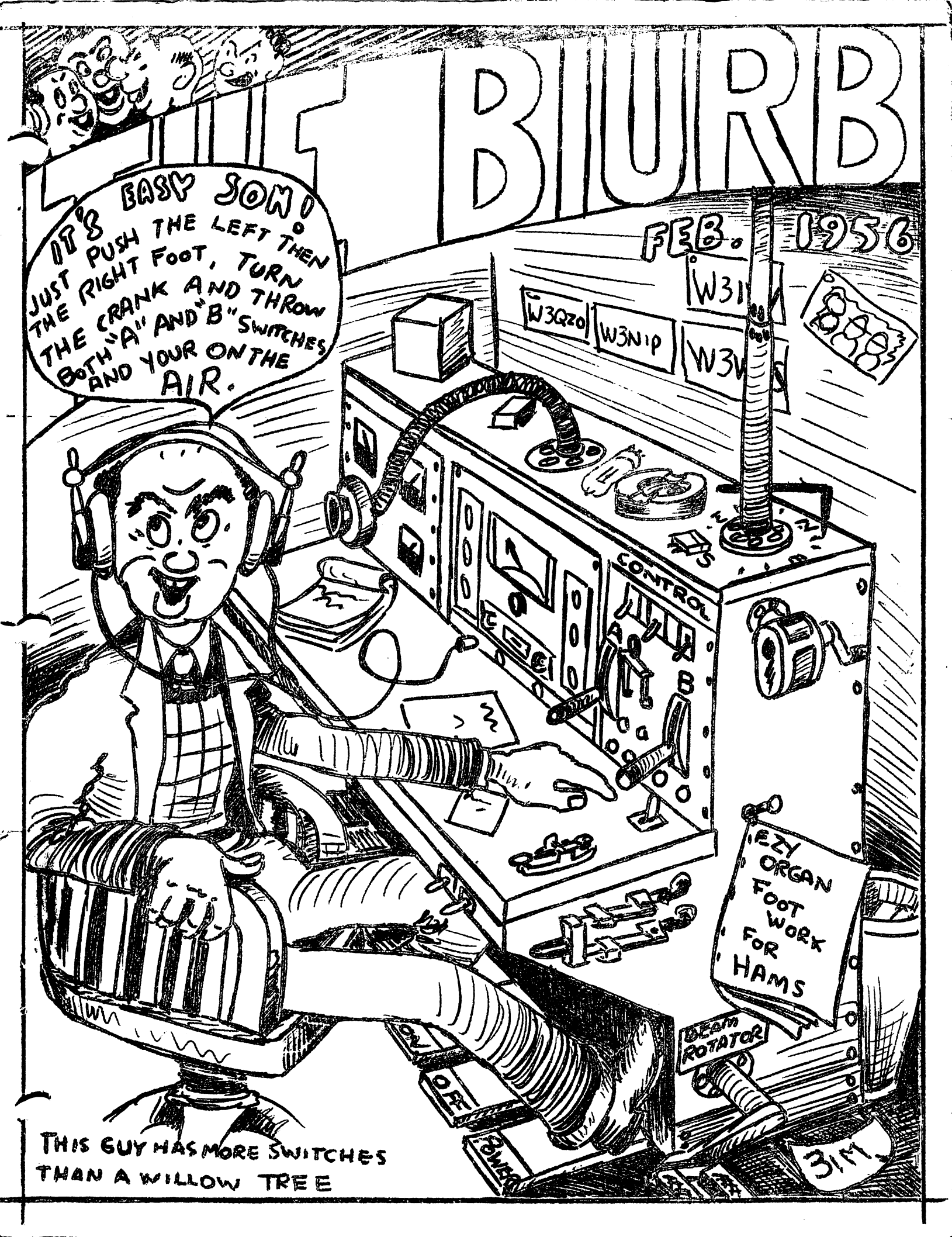
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IT'S EASY SON! JUST PUSH THE LEFT THEN THE RIGHT FOOT, TURN THE CRANK AND THROW BOTH "A" AND "B" SWITCHES AND YOUR ON THE AIR.
W3QZO
W3NIP
CONTROL
A
B
EZY ORGAN FOOT WORK FOR HAMS
BEAM ROTATOR
ON
OFF
POWER
THIS GUY HAS MORE SWITCHES THAN A WILLOW TREE

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DEADLINE

All material for the BLURB must be in the hands of W3PXY by the 15th of the month. Any items for the Trading Post must be received by W3EXY not later than the 15th of the month.

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MEETINGS

First Monday of the month,Cassidy School Lansdowne Ave at Atwood Street at 8:00PM

NET FREQUENCIES

Channel #1-29493kc Channel #3-27000kc
Channel #2-29626kc Channel #4-50.7mc
29493 is monitored from - 0630 to 0001 daily for the benefit of the mobiles in the Philadelphia area.

NETS

SEN 0730-0830 weekdays "10 on 10", 10 AM Sunday. Blarney sessions anytime. All on Channel #1

EDITORIAL

I know I speak for all the Club Officers in expressing a sense of gratitude for your trust in us. These offices represent quite an inheritance of good leadership and thoughtful planning. We will do our best to continue this example in the coming year.

"PET PROJECTS"

All of us are individuals, and as such we possess certain traits and desires which are not exactly duplicated in others. Often, however, individuals with a common aim will organize to concentrate their efforts, and thus more readily achieve their objective. It must be remembered that any organization is composed of individuals and that seldom, if ever, do their ideas relative to the accomplishment of certain projects ever coincide. How does this apply to Phil-Mont? First we are a group of individual hams who maintain our privilege to operate primarily because of our value to national security. Recognizing that our effectiveness in this respect as a group far exceeds our individual potential, we have organized into a club. Second, because we are individuals, we all have "pet projects" that we feel are most vital to the realization of the objectives of the club.

In the months to come, there will be numerous proposals presented on ways to best spend our time and money. The complete execution of some proposals must necessarily have precedence over others, since it is impossible to do everything at one time. Fortunately, there is a very simple gauge that we can use in determining priority of the proposals as they arise. This gauge is nothing more than a question: which of the plans under consideration best implements our efforts to provide a reliable mobile communications service? If we continue to apply this measure as in the past, discussion of conflicting proposals will naturally lead to the selection of the most suitable path to our common aim. Some "pet projects" will inevitably fall by the wayside, but this is a small price to pay for our advancement.

W3QZO

THE LATEST SCOOP: W3GHS gave a fine talk at the regular meeting on a 42-day trip to Europe - Ireland, England, Austria, Germany, etc. Fritz had the talk nicely documented with colored slides. He and the wife went from 'Ham' to 'Ham' and were really treated royally. He took a fine mess of pictures of the DX stations he visited and collected all the back QSL's in person. Many thanks, Fritz. . . . George W3CNO is dropping out of the program chairmanship and wishes to pass it on to another capable individual. A fine job done, George. . . .The boys really complained about the cold at the last meeting, so much so that the boys have decided to move the meeting to the Town Hall in Germantown at Germantown & Haynes Ave. So don't get crossed up. Even though they freeze at every meeting, the gang still shows up - but of the 44 that came out, there were 40 stiffs reported still watching the screen. ED got away just in time. Seriously there are a few considerations when changing the meeting. The present place put us on our feet -- we have drawn a large crowd from around the area. It is desirable to be known at a particular location. 'Tis true after one has become indoctrinated with club activities, he has to be transferred --- or move away to new horizons in order to reduce the membership. 'Tis also true that the first few trips to the meeting are the deciding factor and fellows who are likely suspects as members may never show just because of location, so maybe the answer is to deliberately move once in a while to pick up the crowd. So there you have it . . . W3DSG is cooking up a deal to send out cards addressed to the ED to remind one and all that news is due into the Blurb. Scrounging the news has become a problem. It works out that only certain areas get the favoritism on reporting so we hope this new effort will spark everyone to be a reporter. The choice bits of humor on your best buddy will be just the thing. In fact, by this writing ED is making a special appeal to all the XYL's to write the card up with the latest scoop about the OM and send it into ED without OM even knowing it showed up. We could dig up some choice bits that way, gals, so let's try it for size. . . . The boys are planning a picture for one of the ham rags showing all the new license plates, so keep tuned to the freq. for the time and date. The plates ought to be showing up right soon.

THREE PIPS AND YOU'RE IN

by W3SAI

The three-pip break-in system so casually used by the Philmont members has become almost as well known as the club itself, and certainly merits acknowledgement. As a matter of fact we have had Stateside and even foreign DX breakers who have chanced across our Channel #1 rag chews and wanted "in". A close study of hundreds of QSO's has enabled me to classify and categorize the different kinds of breakers; here are but a few:

Relay points are dirty:	Bzzpip - Bzzpip - Bzzpip
Relay sticks:	Pipbzz - Pipbzz - Pipbzz
QSO crusher:	Piiiip - Piiiip - Piiiip
Speed merchant:	P'p'p
Slow start, snappy finish:	Piiiip - pip - p'
Rocky-horse:	Pip-pip - Pip-pip - Pip-pip
Bashful:	Pip - pip
Vitamin-kid rarin' to go:	Pip-pip-pip-pip-pip-pip-pip----pip
Steady as she goes:	Pip - pip - pip (this bird is rare)
Cheerful-cherub:	Pip - hello,hello,hello - Pip - Pip
Early riser:	Yeh, anybody around? Pip-pip-pip Yeh
Freq - freak:	(doesn't give anybody a "break" just starts talking)

QRX - one, I think there's a breaker!

The boys have the midmonth meetings arranged for most of the year - get your bid in if you want to take one. . . . Our pres. is busy getting all the committees lined up for the year. . . . We are indebted to W3NL for the following plagerisms-

21ST ANNUAL F. C. C. REPORT

The 21st Annual Report of the Federal Communications Commission has just been issued. For those of us who are interested in communications (and I guess we are) this report should be found interesting - even some of the statistics which normally are about as dry as the Sahara. Communications in this country have grown astoundingly and it is doubtful if some realize just how much communications potential this country has.

To begin with, the FCC now has 1,400,000 authorizations in the field with more than 1,100,000 operators licenses, of which 136,000 are amateurs. The largest and fastest growing service is the Safety and Special Radio Services with over 300,000 authorizations. These are police, fire, highway maintenance, ships, aircraft, transportation, etc. as well as the amateurs.

Telephone-wise, the country has really expanded. Nearly 200 million calls are handled daily by 54 million telephones. Six million miles of telephone circuit is micro-wave. Mobile telephone systems exceed 600. There is a telephone connection overseas to over 100 different points. Submarine telephone cables are being laid between North America and Europe, U.S. and Alaska and the U.S. and Hawaii. The telephone industry has tripled since 1940; its gross investment is now $16 million and its annual revenue exceeds $5 billion. In the District of Columbia there are 537,500 telephones (all but 1900 of which are the Bell System) divided 253,500 for business and 284,000 for residence use.

Western Union now has over 20,000 "desk-fax" sets and 23,000 teleprinter tielines in business use.

Several statements which might be interesting are: Much trouble was caused by small boat operators using a radio telephone distress channel for idle chit-chat, often with obscene and profane language. . . . Commission encouragement of local TVI Committees has resulted in 437 such groups functioning in 412 communities. . . . At the years end, 28 TV towers 1000 feet or more in height were in operation and 13 others were under construction including a 1,521 foot tower at Dallas. Proposal for a 1,993 foot tower at Selma, Alabama was designated for hearing. Another applicant proposes one 2,003 foot high at Louiseville, Kentucky. . . . In connection with "fee-TV" filings have been more voluminous than in any previous docket case with more than 25,000 formal documents, letters, etc. filling nearly 70 reference volumes.

Though the amateur radio operator is often the popular suspect when local TV interference develops, it is the Commission's observation and experience that only about 10% of the interference is due to "hams" and they are quick to cooperate in remedying trouble.

In 1952 an amendment was made to the Communications Act which prevents the Commission as a body or individual from seeking legal, engineering or accounting advice from its respective office heads on problems involved in pending proceedings. This has hampered the Commission greatly in its work. (Ed. Note: Can you imagine your boss being prevented by law from asking you a question you can answer about his business? That's the way Congress set up the FCC to get its work done).

NEW PHONETICS:

The ICAO Phonetic Alphabet has been adopted by all U. S. Services, effective January 1, 1956. There have been a great many comments about the new one versus the old one, a great many of which are not printable. Anyway to prevent someone from thinking that some operator has gone crazy, we herewith include the new one.

ALFA	NOVEMBER
BRAVO	OSCAR
CHARLIE	PAPA
DELTA	QUEBEC
ECHO	ROMEO
FOXTROT	SIERRA
GOLF	TANGO
HOTEL	UNIFORM
INDIA	VICTOR
JULIET	WHISKEY
KILO	XRAY
LIMA	YANKEE
MIKE	ZULU

Now who's the lucky cuss that has a call with only the letters Charlie, Mike, Victor or Xray, which did not change?

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My rig now runs a gallon,
With arrays of every sort,
So <u>why</u> does DX work that guy
Who's running but a quart?

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Don't know what we would have done without the Autocall this month - Thanks a million, Andy. -- The truth is W3IW's wife came through with a fine lil boy on Dec. 27th and all are doing fine. The new lil guy is Robert Bruce Ferry. And as you probably heard ED's wife did the honors with a fine lil guy, William Alan King, on Dec. 30th. All are doing fine at this QTH likewise. Sign them up Ernie - we have to get members somehow. The two characters responsible for the increase in population are respectively Associate ED & ED. In addition, the better half in that Ferry deal is our typist so therefore our excuse for being copycats this month. We'll have to dig up another tale next month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 6th - Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club Meeting
TOWN HALL - GERMANTOWN & HAYNES STREET

VISITORS

W3YJY W3CMI W3SHU W3ZJS W3YIC

AWARDS

W3DHJ - BRONZE W3VVS - ALMO

NEW MEMBERS

W3HFY - Harold Grace lives at 172 Friendship Rd., Drexel Hill, Pa., works at DuPont as a Chemical Engineer. Harold works 6-10-75 mobile.

W3QVK - John Spark is located at 2076 Parkdale, Glenside and is in the Electrical Construction business. John is on 10 mobile.

We extend cordial welcome to the fold, fellows. In other words, come on in - the water's fine.

Fill-Ups

To D$G:- My water may be cut off, but this is x'l -

To QQH:- The ARC 5 is doing a nice job Jim - you can put your needle away now.

To Phil. Mont:- Thicker paper - different masters hope you guys ill stay off my neck awhile - hi.

"You guys notice the Tech-ni-gram page? This guy Frenchy ought to do that right along - dont you think - He might - if you fellers would keep him supplied.

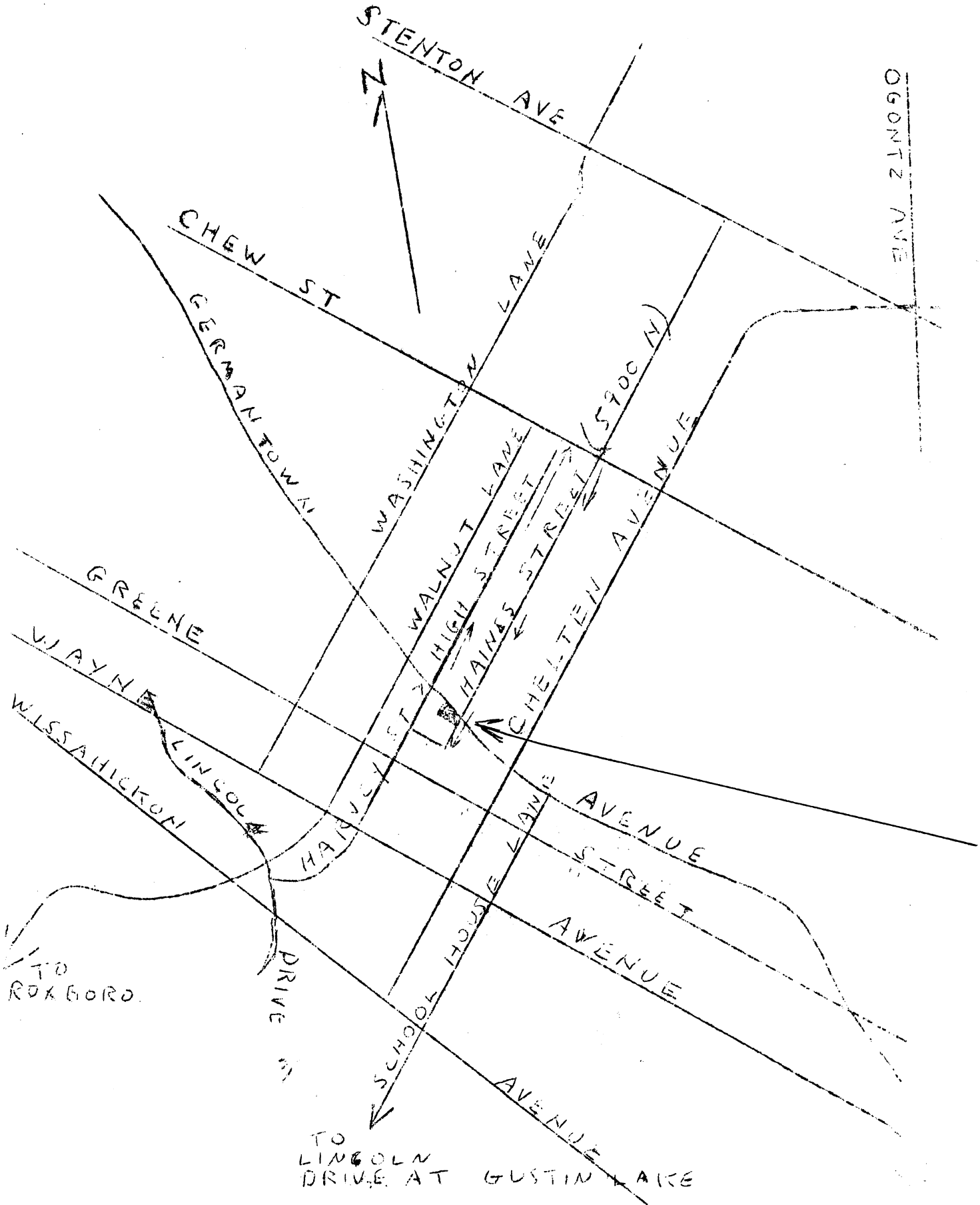
To DHJ:- How's about some of those ARRL Bulletins on channel ## once in a while? -

To HFD and SGR - sorry to hear you both have been under the weather - hope you both will be up and around real soon.

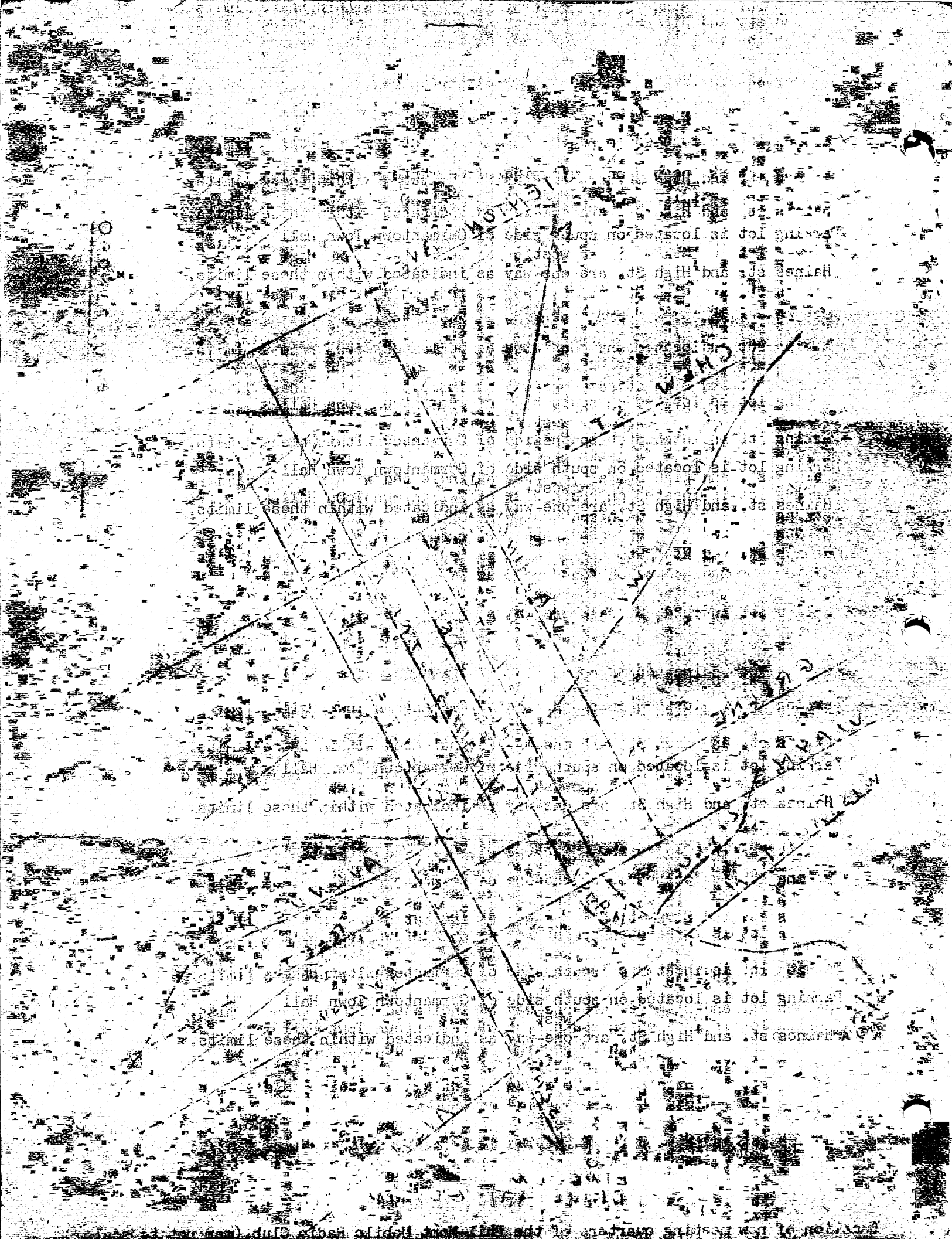
73

Bob

Hey Pxy:- Got your wash done?



Location of new meeting quarters of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club.(map not to scale)



For Sale:

Leece Neville alternator, 6 volts, 50 amps., used (Crowell CL 9-5532)

Dynamotor, Westinghouse, 6 v. in, 625 v. at 200 ma. out (W3AJO CL 9-5532)

Tower, 30 foot triangular, new, knocked down weight 404 lbs. $85 (W3AJO CL9-5532)

Master Mobile all band loading coil $6 (W3AJO CL9-5532)

Shure coiled 3 conductor mike cord $3 (W3AJO CL9-5532)

Gonset Super Six $35 (W3TNE TU 6-9280)

Johnson Whipload 6 $12 (W3TNE TU 6-9280)

Master Mobile body mount, spring, and 8' whip $8 (W3TNE TU6-9280)

Power Supply, 800 v. unregulated at 150 ma., 300 v. regulated at 200-300 ma., mounted on 10x19x9¼ chassis $25 (W3ADL MI 9-2508)

This sheet has been fairly successful in moving equipment, but singularly unsuccessful in bringing any revenue into the club. Anyone purchasing equipment listed on this page should notify the club treasurer of such purchase. The seller, whether or not a club member, should promptly remit 10% of the sale price to the club treasurer, W3DSG.

Fill in coupon below and mail to: Harold Dillon W3DXY
(note new QTH) 257 Warrior Road
Drexel Hill, Penna.

I have the following equipment for sale:

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